

## HOMILETICS I

### THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PREACHER

1. **He Must Be** \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:3-7

2. **He Must Be** \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 1:8

3. **He Must Be** \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 10:15

4. **He Must Be** \_\_\_\_\_

II Tim. 2:15

5. **He Must Be** \_\_\_\_\_

I Thes. 5:17, Eph. 6:18

6. **He Must Be** \_\_\_\_\_

II Cor. 6:17

7. **He Must Be** \_\_\_\_\_

Eccl. 9:10

What is meant by a call of God?

It is an inner \_\_\_\_\_ given by the Holy Spirit and

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## PARRALLEL TEXTS EXAMPLES

“The ‘ifs’ of the eleventh chapter of John stand up like the successive peaks of a mountain range.”

John 11

**INTRODUCTION**—To draw attention to the meaning and effect of the word “if.”

1. 9 **If any man walk in the day**, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But **if a man walk in the night**, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

**I**—The “If” of acquaintances and friends [the *ignorant*]

2. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, **if he sleep**, he shall do well.

**II**—The “If” of the near and dear (family, special friends) [the *emotional, involved*]

3. 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, **if thou hadst been here**, my brother had not died.

**III**—The “If” of a Friend that is closer still—closer than a brother—One who knows best; One who seeks to glorify God. [those motivated by God’s glory]

4. 40 Jesus saith unto her, **Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe**, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

II

Timothy 4:2

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:  
6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:  
7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:  
8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.  
9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:  
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;  
11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:  
2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.  
3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.  
4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.  
5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.  
6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.  
7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.  
8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jude 1-10

## Some Final Counsels for Homiletics I Students in the Words of Past Masters of the Pulpit

I hope we all make it a matter of very earnest and serious consideration, every week, what shall be the subjects upon which we shall address our people on the Sabbath morning and evening; for, although all Scripture is good and profitable, yet it is not all equally appropriate for every occasion. To everything there is a season; and everything is the better for being seasonable. —Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The theme of the first *Pentecostal* sermon was Jesus crucified and risen. That is your basic message still: still as dynamic, as “mighty through God to pulling down of strongholds,” as moving and heart-piercing, as when men heard it preached in Jerusalem long ago. —James Stuart Stewart

Resist all temptation to dilute your Gospel. Your task is not to send people away from church saying, “That was a lovely sermon,” or “What an eloquent appeal!” The one question is: Did they, or did they not, meet God to-day?” —James Stuart Stewart

We insist that there must be abundance of matter in sermons, and next, that this matter must be congruous to the text. The discourse should spring out of the text as a rule and the more evidently it does so the better; but at all times, to say the least, it should have very close relationship thereto. —Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Be careful about finding and using a strange text merely because it fascinates you. I suppose that all preachers pass through some fantastical period when a strange text fascinates them; when they like to find what can be said for an hour on some little topic on which most men could only talk two minutes; when they are eager for subtlety more than force, and for originality more than truth. —Phillips Brooks

Do not overload a sermon with too much matter. All truth is not to be comprised in one discourse. There is such a thing as having too much to say, and saying it till hearers are sent home loathing rather than longing. An old minister walking with a young preacher, pointed to a

cornfield, and observed, "Your last sermon had too much in it, and it was like that field of corn, it contained much crude food but none fit for use. You should make your sermons like a loaf of bread, fit for eating, and in convenient form. —Charles Haddon Spurgeon